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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendment to the English Translation of the International Application before examining this application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-28 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 29-60:

- 29. A replication defective recombinant adenovirus comprising a DNA sequence capable of regulating superexide dismutase activity.
- 30. An adenovirus according to claim 29, wherein the DNA sequence encodes a superoxide dismutase or a derivative thereof.

Abstract

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A defective recombinant adenovirus including at least one DNA sequence coding for all or an active part of a superoxide dismutase or a derivative thereof. The therapeutical use thereof and corresponding pharmaceutical compositions are also disclosed.